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Applicants: Kiichiro SAKASHITA, et al.
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For: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN APPARATUS FOR
INSERTING THE ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND
A METHOD OF STORING SPENT FUEL
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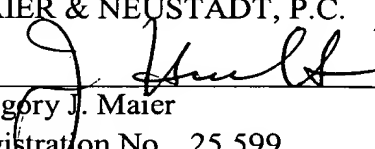
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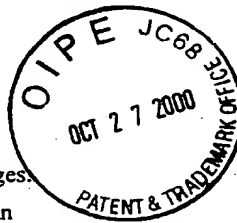
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In the matter of the Application of: Kiichiro SAKASHITA, et al.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☒ 42 pp. Specification & 12 Claims/Drawings 16 Sheets (Formals)
 - ☒ Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 4 pages
 - ☐ List of Inventor Names and Addresses
 - ☒ Utility Patent Application
 - ☒ Notice of Priority
 - ☒ Check for \$870.00
 - ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
 - ☐ Assignment/PTO 1595 pages
 - ☐ Letter to Official Draftsman
 - ☐ Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes
 - ☐ Drawings sheets ☐ Formal
 - ☐ Letter
 - ☐ Amendment
 - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☒ Cited References (3)
 - ☐ Search Report
 - ☒ Statement of Relevancy
 - ☐ IDS/Related/List of Related Cases
 - ☐ Restriction Response
 - ☐ Rule 132 Declaration
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